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15. (Unclassified - PLC) George Gilbert, Legislative Reference, Office of Management and Budget, called concerning our latest draft reply, dated 14 September 1973, to Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364, which provide additional retirement benefits for former POW's and MIA's, including Government civilian employees. We revised the report at OMB's request to avoid any inconsistency with the DOD position which is in opposition to the bill. Gilbert suggested certain nonsubstantive changes and if we accept them, the report can be forwarded to Hebert. I told Gilbert that the changes should not present a problem but would require final approval by the Director.

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